

LOAN PERIODS

Faculty & Senior Administrative Professional Staff:

<i>Books</i>	<i>Periodicals</i>
6 (4 weeks)	6 (2 weeks)

Postgraduates, Interns, Residents:

<i>Books</i>	<i>Periodicals</i>
6 (4 weeks)	6 (2 weeks)

Undergraduates:

<i>Books</i>	<i>Periodicals</i>
4 (1 week)	2 (Overnight/weekend)

Outside Users:

<i>Books / Periodicals - 4</i> (1 week)	<i>4</i> (1 week)
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HOURS OF OPENING

MAIN LIBRARY, SCIENCE & MEDICAL BRANCH LIBRARIES

Semester:

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vacation:

Inter-Semester

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Summer

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The libraries are closed on Public and University Holidays throughout the year, on the Saturday before Independence Day, at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

MEDICAL LIBRARY

The Medical Library, U.W.I. Mona was established in 1973, and is situated on the Hospital Ring Road. This Library serves the staff and students of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, all other eligible library members of the University as well as local health Personnel.

COLLECTIONS:

The Library's collection is comprised of monographs, serials, and multimedia in clinical medicine, microbiology, pathology, nursing and physiotherapy. The basic medical science collection i.e. anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and pharmacology is in the Science Library, for easy access by these departments. Books on population, family planning, women's health child abuse, and health

topics with socio-economic information are in the Main Library.

The Library is also a depository for selected publications from the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization.

The Library has a seating capacity for 100 users, and an additional 9 enclosed study carrels for the use of academic and research staff and postgraduate students. Enquiries for use should be made at the Circulation Desk.

The Library's services are automated using the VTLS system. The **OPAC** (*Online Public Access Catalogue*) can also be accessed via the Internet.

SERVICES

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

If the material needed is not in the library's collection, it can be requested on inter-library loan. This service allows the Library to request items using ARIEL software from other libraries at a cost. Journal articles can be received by fax within 24 hours of request.

TRAINING

Orientation tours and Bibliographic Instruction are organized for all new students, and are also available on request.

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

On demand from users, the library provides literature searches from different

databases, and also helps in verifying citations.

PHOTOCOPYING

Photocopying machines are available in the Medical Library. Photocopy cards may be purchased at the Circulation Desk, and a refundable deposit is included in the cost of the cards. Users are expected to comply with copyright regulations when copying.

HOPWOOD CENTRE

The **H.D. Hopwood Medical Education Computer Center (HMECC)** situated on the second floor, is equipped with 40 multimedia workstations. Some stations are equipped with DVD, others with CD-ROM drives, multimedia educational software, videotapes, viewing facilities, CDROM towers, printers, servers and UPS are available. A digital video camera and editor, a scanner and CD writer to produce local educational material is also available. HMECC is designed to be a key learning resource for the Faculty of Medical Sciences, with the development of a web-based teaching and learning laboratory.

MEDCARIB NETWORK

The **MEDCARIB Network Project**, established in 1990, is a sub-regional network within BIREME (*Latin American and Caribbean Health Information System*). BIREME coordinates the activities of all the centers from Latin America and the Caribbean. Sixteen English-speaking Caribbean countries and Suriname

participate in the MEDCARIB network, and the Medical Library, UWI, Mona is the regional coordinating center. The Medical Library is the Regional Coordinating Center for the MEDCARIB Network.

DATABASE

The **MEDCARIB Database** contains approximately 15,000 entries on health literature in the Caribbean from the 17th century to the present. This database is available on the Internet.

OTHER DATABASES

The Medical Library has access to the following databases/current awareness services:

- Academic Search Elite
- Cambridge Scientific Abstracts
- CINAHL
- LILACS
- MD CONSULT
- MEDLINE
- POPLINE
- PROQUEST

DIGITAL LIBRARY

The Library has also established a University of the West Indies, **Faculty of Medical Sciences Clinical Digital Library**. This project was done in conjunction with the *School of Library & Information Studies* at the *University of*

*Alabama, and the University of North
Texas.*